

NRCS

*Helping People
Help the Land*

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Mission & Vision

NRCS Mission: Helping People Help the Land

NRCS Vision: Harmony between people
and the land



NRCS is the only federal agency charged with working on private lands with individuals pursuing voluntary conservation

Services and Programs

NRCS's natural resources conservation services help people plan to reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. NRCS also provides funding opportunities for agricultural producers and other landowners through several programs.

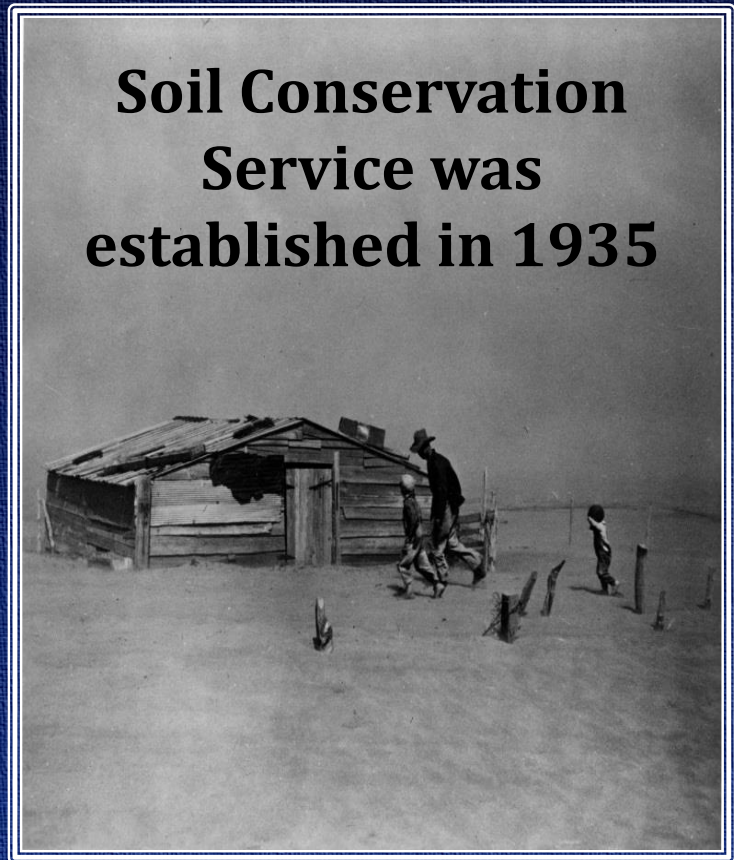
Legacy of Conservation



Hugh Hammond Bennett



**Soil Conservation
Service was
established in 1935**

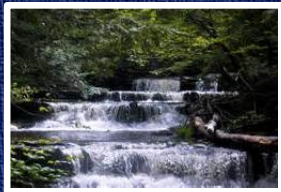


Resource Concerns

S W A P A + E



SOIL



WATER



AIR



PLANTS



ANIMALS



ENERGY

Conservation Affects Us All



Healthy Animals



Clean Air



Vigorous Plants



Clear Drinking Water



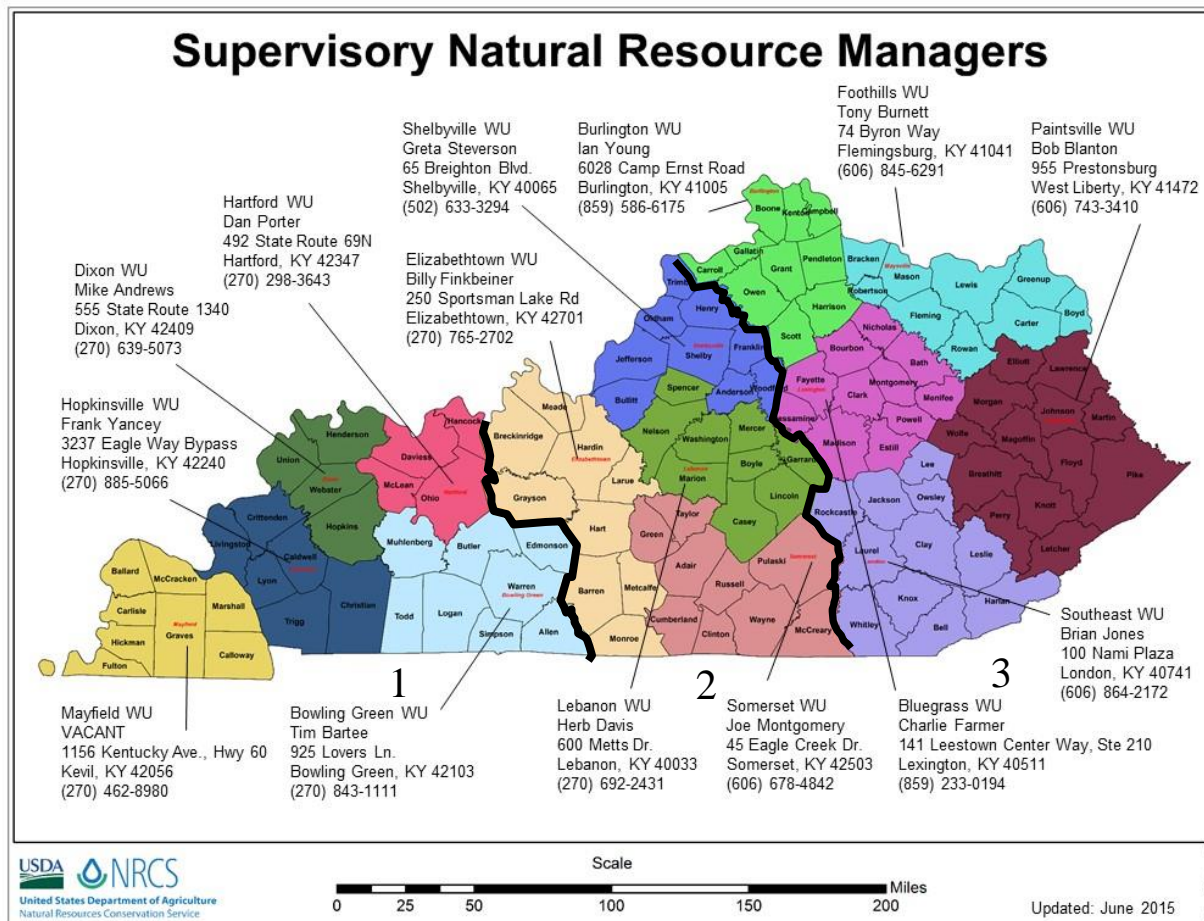
**Energy Efficient
Homes & Farms**



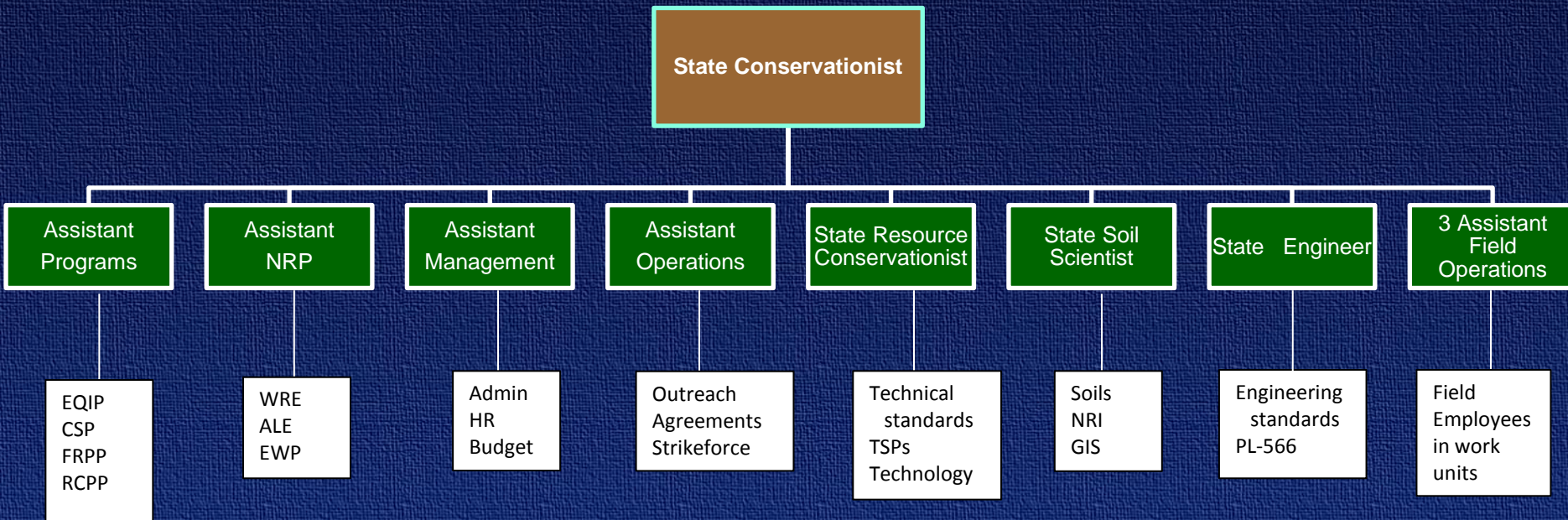
Our Employees



Our Employees – Work Units



Our Employees – State Office



Our Customers



Our Customers

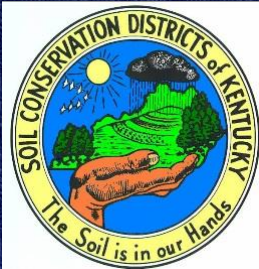


Our Customers

And also.....

- Rural and urban communities
- Federal, state and local agencies
- Policymakers
- Special districts
- American Indian tribes
- Commodity organizations

Our Partners



*KY Division of
Conservation*



and many more....



Technical Assistance

Conservation technical assistance is the help NRCS and its partners provide to land users to address opportunities, concerns, and problems related to the use of natural resources and to help land users make sound natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and other non-federal lands.



9 Steps Conservation Planning

PHASE 1 – Collection and Analysis (understanding problems)

1. ID problems and opportunities
2. Determine objectives
3. Inventory resources
4. Analyze resource data



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PHASE 2 – Decision Support (understanding decisions)

- 5. Formulate alternatives
- 6. Evaluate alternative
- 7. Make decisions



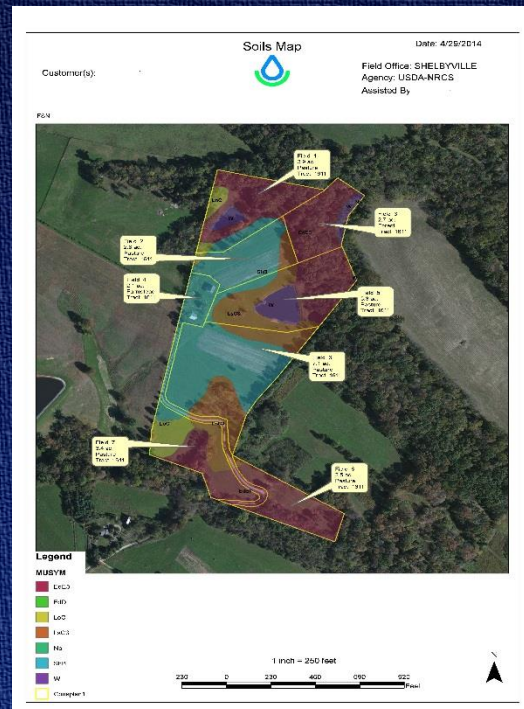
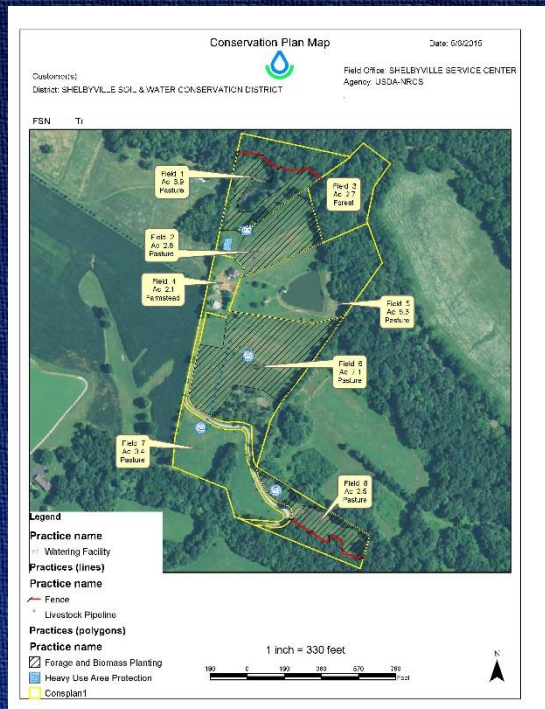
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PHASE 3 – Application & Evaluation (understanding the results)

- 8. Implement the plan
- 9. Evaluate the plan



Planning Products



Conservation Plan

Customer(s):
District: SHELBYVILLE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Field Office: SHELBYVILLE SERVICE CENTER
Agency: USDA-NRCS

FSN: Tr

Forage and Biomass Planting (512)

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Planning Information

Information provided to our staff during the 9 step conservation planning process, remains in the official NRCS producers case file, which is NOT subject to open records law. Information remains confidential unless producers give us in writing, their permission to release their information and/or if NRCS has a '1619 Agreement' with other voluntary agency/group Partners who have agreed to keep info safe, i.e. local Conservation Districts.



Farm Bill Programs



The 1985 federal Food Security Act established (and subsequent Farm Bills enhanced) financial assistance programs that are available today for farmers and ranchers.

Producers who have voluntarily developed a conservation plan may choose to utilize these programs which can assist with implementation of their plans.

HELC and WC Provisions for Programs

Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions aim to reduce soil loss on erosion-prone lands and to protect wetlands. These provisions apply to all land that is considered highly erodible or a wetland, and that is owned or farmed by persons voluntarily participating in USDA programs.

Individuals who participate in most programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) are required to comply with these provisions. Non-compliance may affect the following types of USDA program benefits:

- * FSA loans and disaster assistance payments
- * NRCS and FSA conservation program benefits
- * Federal crop insurance premium subsidies

EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program



CROPS



LIVESTOCK



FORESTRY



WILDLIFE



HIGH TUNNELS/ORGANICS



ENERGY

ACEP – Agriculture Conservation Easement Program



Wetland Reserve
Easements
(WRE)



Agricultural
Land
Easements
(ALE)



CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program



CROP



FORESTRY



PASTURE



SQL-04 Cover Crop Mixes



ANM-55 Creation of snag/den
trees in forest for wildlife



PLT-10 Intensive Rotation Grazing

RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program



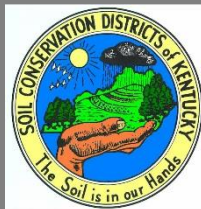
Promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners.

RCPP 2014



*Managing Poo: Adoption of
Nutrient Management and Conservation Practices*

Lead Partner
Kentucky
Division of
Conservation



Collaborating Partners
University of Kentucky College of
Agriculture, Food, & Environment
Kentucky Division of Water
Kentucky Cattlemen's Association
Kentucky Beef Network
Kentucky Dairy Development Council
USDA-NRCS
KY Assn of Conservation Districts

EWP – Emergency Watershed Protection



Offers assistance to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by a natural disasters

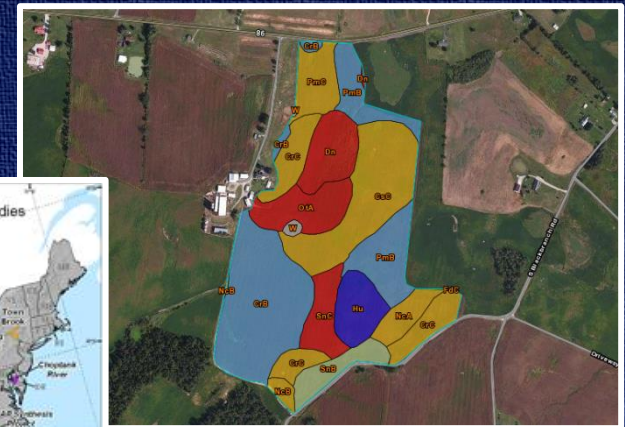
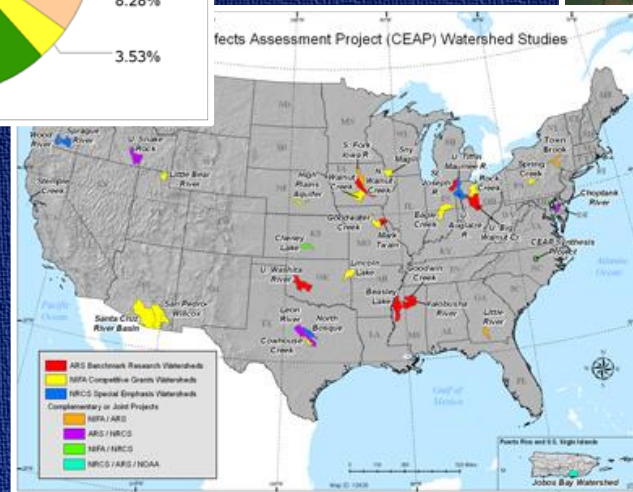
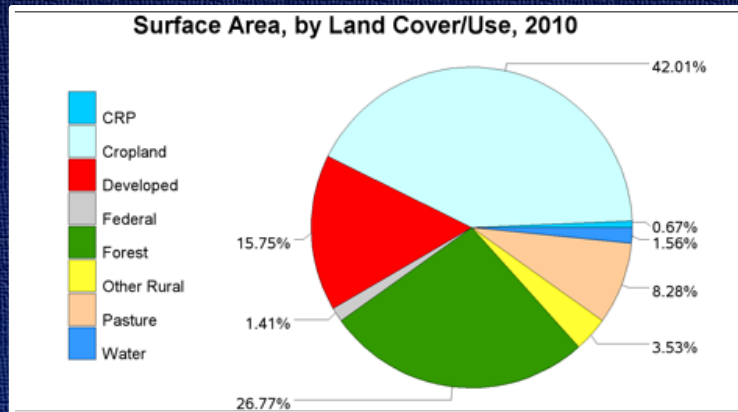
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program



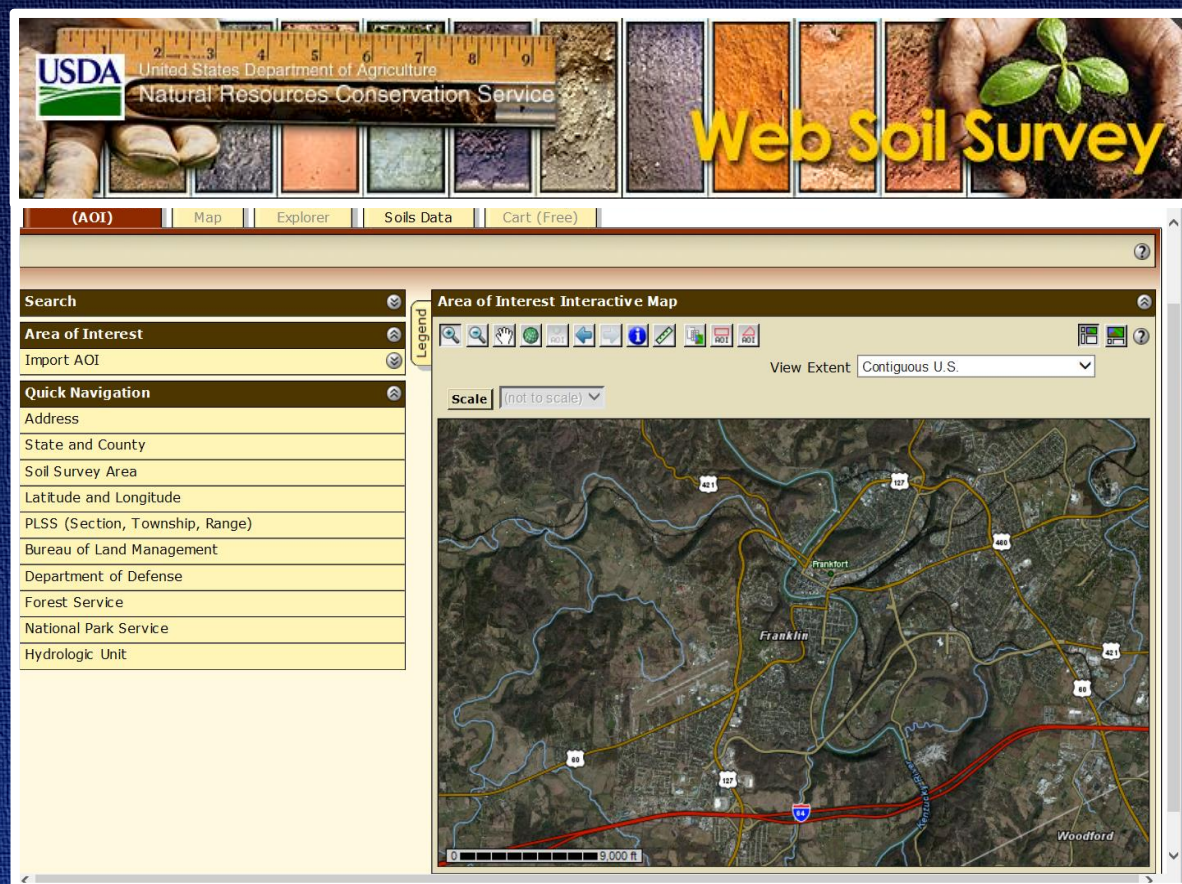
Field Borders
Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Conservation Cover



Other NRCS Resources and Programs



Soil Survey

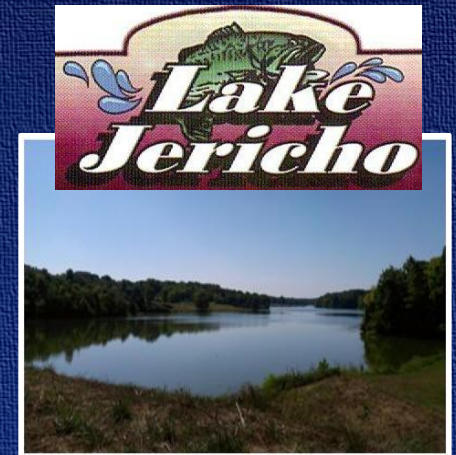
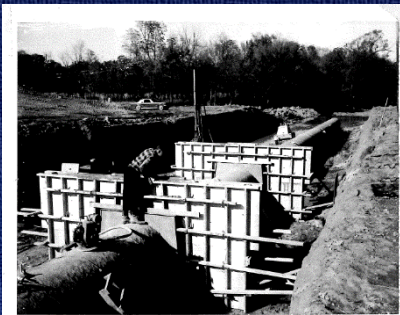


NRI – Natural Resources Inventory



PL-566 – Watershed & Flood Prevention

The purpose of this program is to work with local sponsors to implement flood retarding structures that are designed to reduce flood, sedimentation, and erosion damage; improve the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water; and advance the conservation and proper utilization of land.



Flooding and damage

Structure construction

Multi-purpose

Summary



Partnerships



Planning



People &
Programs

For more information on USDA-NRCS and its programs, contact any local NRCS office or visit us at the following locations:

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